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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: application filed 12/13/00.
2. Independent claim 1 is pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

In reference to independent claim 1, the claim recites the phrase, "separated by a slash (/) or *another character like* * or #". There is insufficient antecedent bases for this limitation in the claim. The Examiner's suggestion of changing said phrase to, "separated by a slash (/), an asterisk (*), or a number symbol (#)", will overcome this rejection.

- In reference to limitation (a) of independent claim 1, the limitation includes the phrase "*summits the related information*". The Examiner believes the word '*summits*' is misspelled. The Examiner's suggestion of changing said phrase to, "submitting the related information", will overcome the rejection.

- In reference to limitation (e) of independent claim 1, the limitation does not provide the Examiner with sufficient information to clearly point out the Applicant's invention. More specifically, the phrase "*including the same design*" does not describe a specific design within the claimed invention. Also, the phrase "*which will be not display*" is not grammatically correct. The Examiner's suggestion of changing said phrase to "*which will not be displayed*" will

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overcome the rejection. Finally, the applicant should remove the reference to Figure 2 within the recited claim limitation.

- In reference to limitation (h) of independent claim 1, the limitation includes the phrase "*other processes*". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The Examiner's suggestion of describing in further detail, "*other processes*", will overcome this rejection.

- In reference to limitation (i) of independent claim 1, the limitation is vague, indefinite, and lacks requisite scope.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cordes et al., USPN 6,484,190, filed (7/1/1998).**

In reference to independent claim 1, Cordes teaches:

A software embodiment for providing a data registering method, which includes a single text box and distinct entries provided. The entries are separated by a (.), which is a character to distinguish the category of data entered. See column 2, lines 25-35 and column 3, lines 63-67. The categories for the data are displayed on the left side of the actual entry field as illustrated in figure 4B. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the placement of the categories as taught by and allowed for the

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categories to appear to left, right, bottom, or on top of the single entry field to give the user enhanced views of a web page.

The reference does not explicitly disclose skipping the present title by pressing twice the separator; however, Cordes discloses wildcard characters that provide textual control over a search. The reference suggests characters utilized in the entry field for controlling data input into a single textbox.

The keyboard allows for entry of characters and the editing of data within the text box (compare to "*editing the said data at any time by cursor movement before submitting*"). See column 2, lines 40-45.

The reference teaches as a user enters a subset key and the count of matching nodes drops below the display such as by enabling or darkening the indicator allowing the user to expand the information suggest the submission of a key and manipulating the entered data (compare to "*pressing a button or hitting the Enter key to submit the entry data to a server*"). See column 4, lines 18-30.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Arora et al., USPN 5,845,299 filed (7/29/1996)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 703-305-8043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

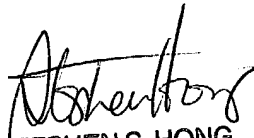
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 703-308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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